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The Honorable Kenneth Calvert Chairman, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Committee on Appropriations House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski Chairman, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Committee on Appropriations United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510 The Honorable Betty McCollum Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Committee on Appropriations House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Tom Udall Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Committee on Appropriations United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairmen Calvert and Murkowski and Ranking Members McCollum and Udall:

Enclosed please find the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Report to Congress and the President for Fiscal Year 2015, as directed in the Conference Report accompanying the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (P.L. 111-117). This report also satisfies the reporting requirements of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan II.

The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative was launched in 2010 to tackle the long-standing problems and emerging challenges that must be addressed to revitalize the Great Lakes ecosystem. In this report, the eleven federal departments and agencies that make up the Great Lakes Interagency Task Force share results. The executive summary provides an overview of the results that are discussed in greater detail throughout this report.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Ed Walsh of my staff at (202) 564-4594 should you require any additional information on this report.

Sincerely,

David A. Bloom

Deputy Chief Financial Officer

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